

PUBLIC NOTICE

PERMIT APPLICATION: NRS 06.417

APPLICANT: Walt Muirhead, Facility Manager
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LOCATION: The proposed alteration would be located on the Nickajack Reservoir (Tennessee River, River Mile 431.1L) at the Hales Bar Marina northeast of the I-24 bridge. Marion County 35.0459°N, 85.5386°W

WATERSHED DESCRIPTION: Nickajack Reservoir is located in the Middle Tennessee-Chickamauga watershed (HUC 06020001). The reservoir has been assessed as not supporting one or more of its classified uses. Those classified uses include domestic water supply, industrial water supply, fish and aquatic life, recreation, livestock watering and wildlife, irrigation, and navigation. The reservoir is also on the state's 303(d) list with the pollutant source as contaminated sediments.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The applicant proposes to excavate approximately 300 cubic yards of material in order to create a new entrance into the Hales Bar Marina. Currently, larger boats must travel approximately a mile downstream of the marina to gain access. The larger boats lost access due to an expansion of the marina.

The excavation would take place in an old submerged railroad bed. A 50 ft. wide by 3-5 ft. deep notch would be excavated in the old railroad bed. The excavation would be performed by a trac-hoe on a barge. The excavated material would be loaded on the barge and transported to the shore. The material would then be offloaded onto dump trucks and then carried to the disposal site. The material would be stabilized and prevented from leaving the disposal site by using silt fences and hay bales. The excavation site would be surrounded with a floating silt fence.

In accordance with the Tennessee Antidegradation Statement (Rule 1200-4-3-.06), the division has determined that the proposed activity will not result in degradation to water quality.

USGS TOPOGRAPHIC QUADRANGLE: Sequatchie, TN (100 – SE)

PERMIT COORDINATOR: Trent Thomas

No decision has been made whether to issue or deny this permit. The purpose of this notice is to inform interested parties of this permit application and to ask for comments and information necessary to determine possible impacts to water quality. Persons wishing to comment on the proposal are invited to submit written comments to the department. Written comments must be received within **thirty days of the date that this notice is posted**. Comments will become part of the record and will be considered in the final decision. The applicant's name and permit number should be referenced.

Interested persons may also request in writing that the department hold a public hearing on this application. The request must be filed within the comment period, indicate the interest of the person requesting it, the reasons that the hearing is warranted, and the water quality issues being raised. When there is sufficient public interest in water quality issues, the department will hold a public hearing.

The permit application, supporting documentation including detailed plans and maps, and related comments are available at the department's address for review and/or copying. The department's address is:

Tennessee Department of Environment & Conservation
Division of Water Pollution Control, Natural Resources Section
7th Floor L & C Annex
401 Church Street
Nashville, TN 37243

In deciding whether to issue or deny a permit, the department will consider all comments on record and the requirements of applicable federal and state laws.

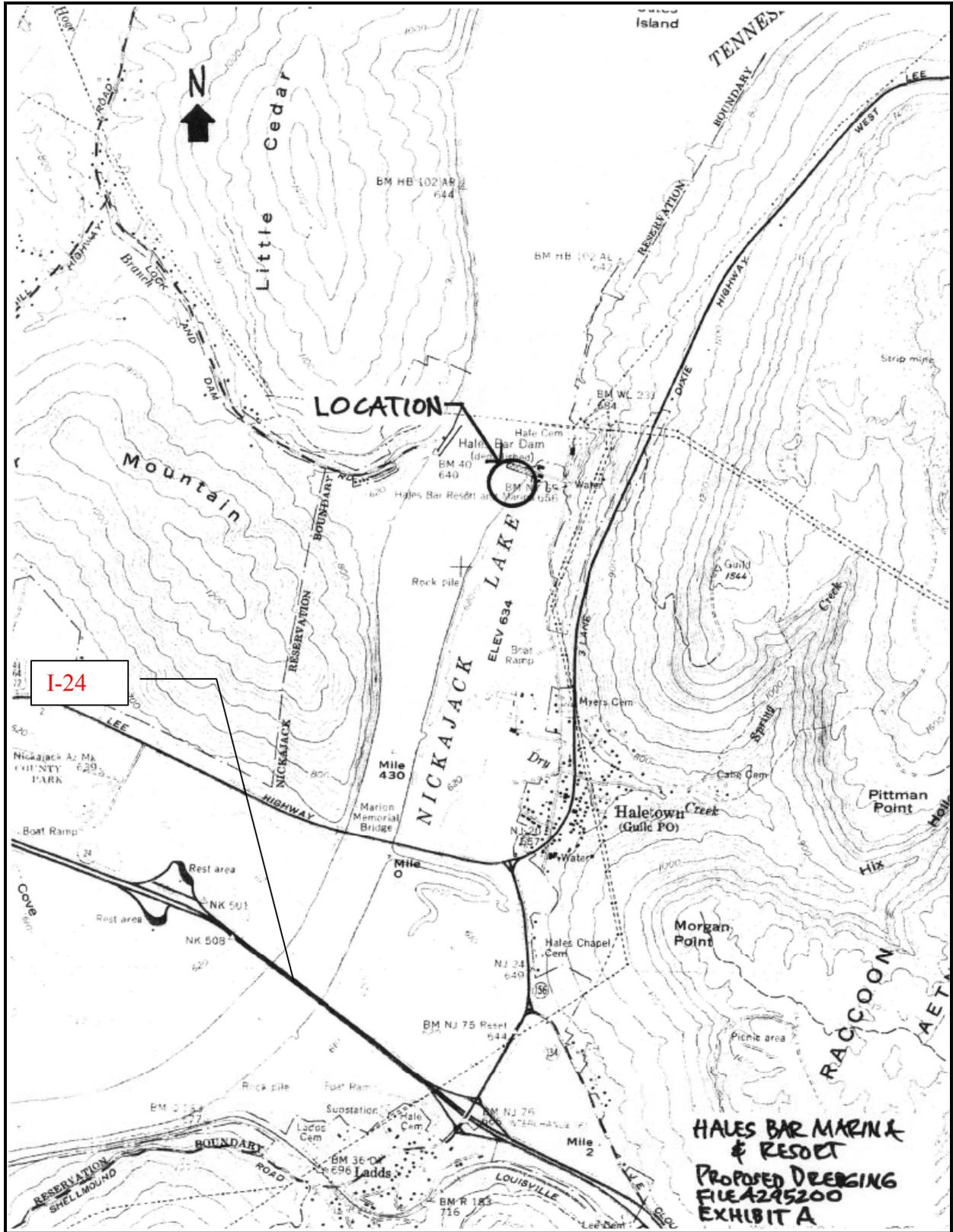


Figure 1: Approximate location of proposed alteration

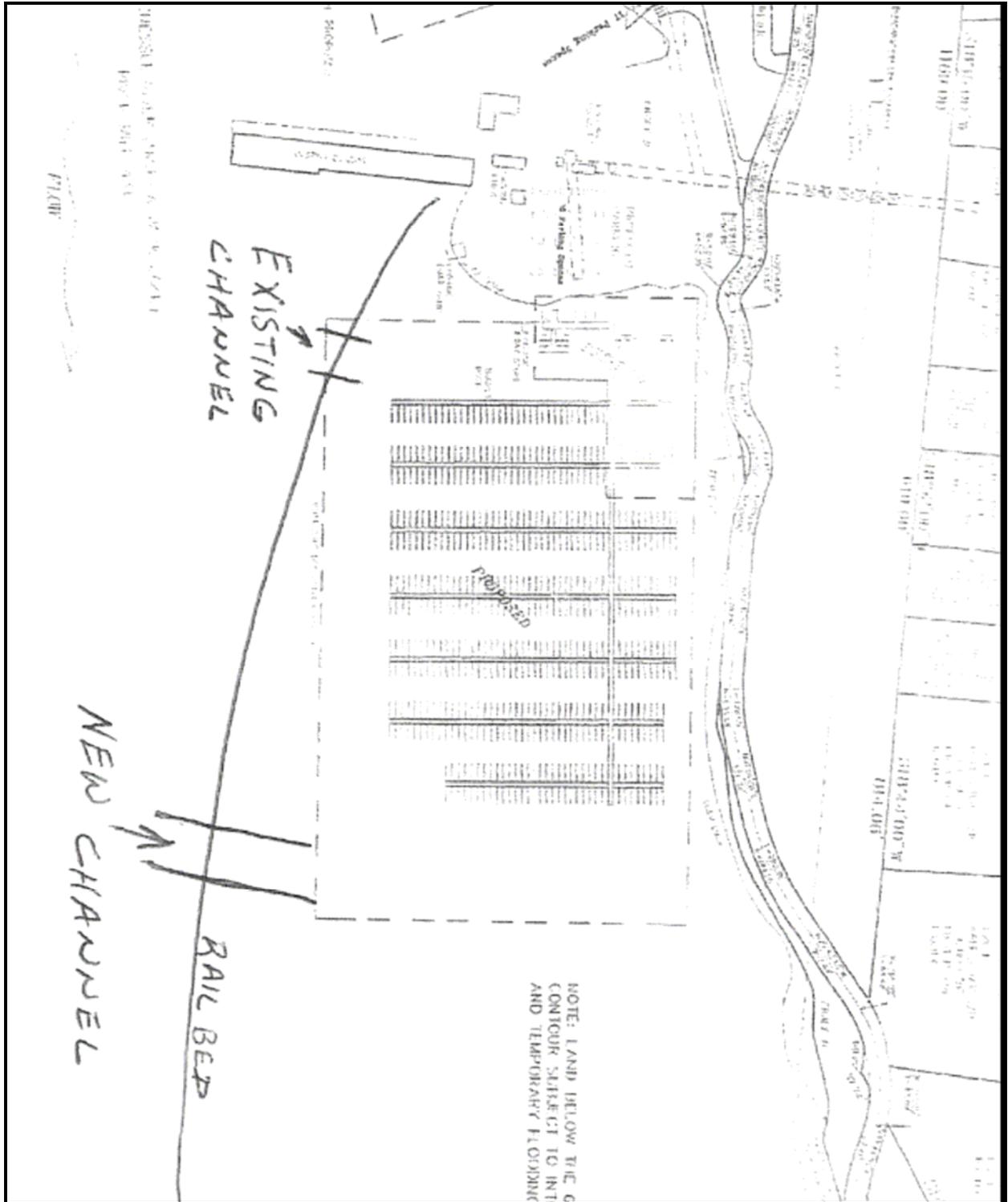


Figure 2: Proposed entrance in relation to marina

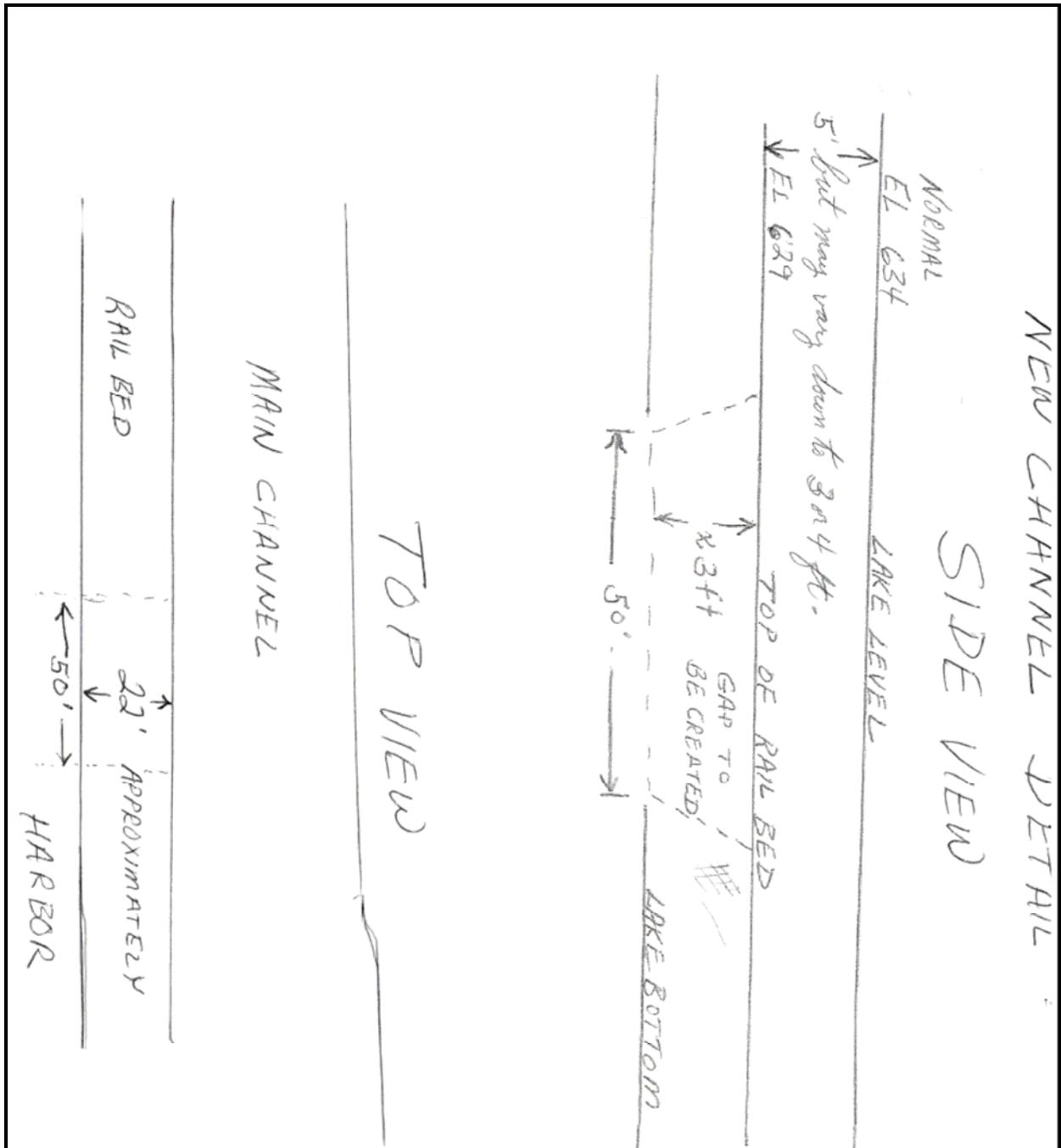


Figure 3: Excavation details



Figure 4: Photograph of excavation area



Figure 5: Another photograph of excavation area